



January 27, 2016

Dear Wyoming Department of Health,

I am writing this letter in support of our Prevention Management Organization (PMO) in Carbon County.

As the CEO of the Saratoga/Platte Valley Chamber of Commerce, I have seen and experienced first-hand the benefits of the prevention efforts of our PMO. The PMO has facilitated collaborative community meetings to inform, brainstorm, and problem solve how we can come together and tackle the preventive health issues that face our communities. A business sector is only as strong as the individuals in a community. A healthy community is important for quality of life, which in turn is important for business growth and retention. We very much appreciate the PMO resources for our community to recognize and help others make healthy choices, those with mental illnesses, and those suffering from substance abuse.

I have been involved with the PMO through our local coalition group which consists of medical professionals, school counselors and principals, law enforcement, clergy, public health, after school programs, preschools and parents. I appreciated the PMO delivering statistical data to validate and create awareness for areas of concern. We can use this information in a collaborative effort with community members to write and implement policies to address these issues. Over the years, we have seen improvement and sometimes reversal of dangerous trends directly attributed to the work of PMO.

Most of the Chamber Board of Directors have participated in TIPS to help us plan safe events. I have participated in QPS. These programs are initiated from the PMO and directly benefit the Chamber and its mission. PMO is very effective in collaborative efforts between community, businesses, schools and other community resources to make our town, county and state healthier and safer.

Thank you for your consideration,


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